Overall food position of South Kanara district

*Q.—173. Sri A. KRISHNA SETTY (Mangalore-II).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the overall food position of South Kanara District during the year 1963-64 and 1964-65 (the production *vis-a-vis* require ments) ;

(*b*) which are the taluks that are deficit in foodgrains in the above district ;

(*c*) whether it is not a fact that large extent of paddy cultivating area have been brought under areca and other commercial crops during these years in the said district ;

(*d*) the actual extent of such land converted from paddy into areca and other commercial crops area during three years up to 1964 ;

(*e*) whether proper revenue records have been maintained for such converted land ?

A.—Sri B. D. JATTI (Minister for Food).—

(*a*) The production of rice after making allowance for seed paddy during 1963-64 and 1964-65 was as follows :—

1963-64	*1964-65*
2,51,269 tonnes of rice.	2,19,067 tonnes of rice.

The total requirements of the District is estimated at about 3 lak l tonnes on the basis of 18 ozs. for agriculturists and 12 ozs. for non-agriculturists per head per day.

(*b*) All the Taluks except Buntwal, Karkal and Beltangadi.

(*c*) Yes ; such conversion has taken place in certain taluks.

(*d*) These particulars are not available.

(*e*) No.

Workers employed in Beedi Industry.

*Q.—174. Sri A. KRISHNA SHETTY (Mangalore-II).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of workers employed in beedi Industry in South Kanara District ;

(*b*) the number of workers employed in factories and the number employed outside factories ;

(c) whether it is not a fact that children of school going are (between 6-14) are employed in large numbers in the above Industry;

(d) when the minimum wages in the above industry was fixed and introduced;

(e) whether it is not a fact that commensurate with the rise in price of beedies during these years the wages of workers in this industry is very low;

(f) the steps they propose to take to improve the conditions of beedi workers, considering their present conditions?

A.—Sri D. DEVARAJ URS (Minister for Transport and Tourism):—

(a) About twenty five thousand including outworkers.

(b) About 400 workers are employed in factories and about 24,600 workers are employed outside the factories.

(c) This may be true in some cases where beedies are rolled at home.

(d) The minimum wages were fixed in Government Notification No. LLH 70 LMW 59, dt. 16-12-1959 to take effect from 31-12-1959.

(e) Yes, the wages are low. The question of revision of minimum wage is under consideration of Government.

(f) The Mysore Beedi Industrial Premises (Regulation of Conditions of work) Act, 1964 will provide the necessary relief in improving the conditions of the beedi workers.

Persons under detention in the State.

*Q.—175. Sri A. KRISHNA SHETTY (Mangalore-II).

Will the Government be pleased state :—

(a) the number of communists and others that are under detention in the State at present;

(b) whether the detenus are kept under one class;

(c) if not, the number of detenus under each class;

(d) how many of them are given family allowances and the amount so given to each of them;

(e) whether representations have been received from them and on their behalf to extend better facilities for better conditions of life during the detention period;

(f) the action taken in this regard?